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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1–4

Major. **Part B. for**

SUBJECT.

Introduction of the Bertillon System of Anthroponetry into the Mysore State.

Sl. 1 From The ~~I~~ A.R.

No. 2655/336-92 dated 3.8.94

Forwards copy of certain papers containing details of the working in Bengal of the Anthropometric system of identifying criminals.

Sl. 2 To D.G. of Prisons & I.G. of Police.

G.R.S. 58

No. 2598-9/195-92 dated 11.8.94

Forwards copy of the above (Sl. 1)

Sl 3 From Registrar to the I.G. of Prisons

No 236 dated 28.8.94.

Recommends to Government, the introduction of the Bertillon System of identifying criminals.

Sl 4. To the Regr to I.G of Prisons.

No 14904/J88) dated 8.3.95

States that the question of introducing the Bertillon System is under contemplation and that in the meanwhile steps may be taken to obtain a practical knowledge of the System.

Indexed: N Lakshminarayana.

SECTION— P&T

(General Serial No. 30.)

FILE No. 470/94 1894

SERIAL No. 1 From The 1st Asst to His Resident in Mysore

To

The Chief Secretary to the
Dewan of Mysore.

Dated 3rd August 94

Despatched

Received

Enclosures No. 4

General No. 2655
No. 386.92

Forwarding copy of certain papers containing details of the working in Bengal of the Anthropometric system for the identification of criminals

Submitted
J. No 19-8-94
1592 — 8/8
6-8-94

Recd. 6/8

References to be marked.

Submitted for information
Circulate, Copy to the Inspr Genl of Prisons
/ Copy to the Inspr Genl of Police with
regd to previous correspondence.

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M. G. C. Press, Bangalore.—3-2-94.—3000.

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No. 2655 / 336.92

From

THE FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Dewan of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 3rd August 1894.

SIR,

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter No. 4210-J.J.F.185.92 dated the 1st September 1892, I am directed to forward a copy of the papers* noted on the margin which contain details of the working in Bengal of the anthropometric system for the identification of criminals.

*Letter from the Government of Bengal No. 1786 J. dated the 10th April 1893 and enclosures.

[with 3 spare copies]

2. The Government of India, as at present advised, are of opinion that it will be desirable when the anthropometric system has been introduced into British India to extend it, as far as possible to Native States. A further communication on the subject will be addressed to you in due course, meanwhile, the papers now forwarded may be usefully referred to for the purpose of acquiring a practical knowledge of the details of the system.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Major,

First Assistant Resident.

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FILE No. 476/94

SERIAL No. 2

Read

Letter No: 2650. dated the 3rd August 1894 forwarding ~~for use of the Darbar~~ printed papers containing the details of the working in Bengal of the Bertillon system of Anthropometry for the identification of Criminals.

Order thereon.

The Govt desire that spare copies of the above be forwarded for record in the Offices of the Insp-Genl of Prisons and of Police

B.O.
11/8/94
for Chief Secy
6/8.

No 2598-J of 11-8-94.
J.166-92. Encl: 2 each

J.166. Copy of the above with copy of its enclosure is forwarded to the Insp-Genl of Police
Insp-Genl of Prisons
for information.

Jr. to Regr. Dept. of the
Inspr. Genl. of Prisons
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J. 236

SECTION [illegible] (General Serial No. 30).

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SERIAL No. 3

1894. Action for
- reply

The Registrar to the
Inspector General of
Prisons in Mysore.

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To

The Chief Secretary
to the Dewan of Mysore.

Dated 18th August 1894.

Despatched

Received

Enclosures No. 1

General No. 236
J.

Recommends to Government
the introduction of the Bertillon Syste-
-tem of Anthropometry into the Mysore
State and forwards a copy of the
printed previous correspondence on
the subject -

J 18/8/94

R 20/8

Submitted with
reference (G.O. 10.7.94)
and 21-8

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Submitted.
The further communication
by the Govt. Resid. will
be awaited.
R 21/8.

Sub. Dy. Chief Secy
Draft dt 23/8/94

Central Jail Press, Bangalore.—26-4-94—500.

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Bangalore 18th Aug. 1894.

From.

The Registrar to the
Inspector General of Prisons
in Mysore,

To

The Chief Secretary to the
Dewan of Mysore.

Sir,

I am directed to state that the Insp. General of Prisons recommended to Government the introduction of the Bertillon system of Anthropometry into the Mysore State in his letter No 450 dated 8th May 1893, but the Government expressed their opinion that the proposed system was a good deal in advance of the then requirements of the State, and that its adoption might be deferred till at least the surrounding Districts of Madras and Bombay saw their way to introducing and working it.

2. I am directed to address the Government again on the subject, as this system has not only been adopted by the various Local Governments in India, but also it has been reported

to have been very successful.

3. This system was recommended by the Government of India to all the Local Governments, who, however, being reluctant to introduce it on the strength of such recommendation alone, anxiously waited to see the results of its working in Bengal, where it was first adopted.

4. The Madras Government sanctioned the trial of this system in the Central and the District Jails practically in 1893, but the system began to be worked fully only from the middle of January 1894. In spite of the very short trial received by this system in Madras, the Inspector General of Prisons in Madras thinks that it has certainly in a very great measure, improved the methods of description followed in Jails, and that this result alone is a sufficient justification for its adoption. (Vide page 7, para 22, of the Administration Report of Jails for 1893)

5. The Chief Commissioner of Assam who at first put off the adoption of this system pending the results of the experiments tried

in Bengal and other Provinces, having been satisfied that it has proved itself to be most satisfactory, accorded his sanction to the introduction into some parts of Assam (vide Page 2. Para 8. of the Resolution on the Jail Administration Report of Assam for 1893.)

6. In fact this system is being tried as an experimental measure throughout India; but it has received the most extensive trial in the Bengal Presidency, and the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal in Government Resolution No 493 P.D. of 7th June 1894, speaks of the system in the following terms.

" The Inspector General of Prisons considers that there is still much room for increased accuracy in registering recognitions, but the improvement already effected is satisfactory and with the extension of the anthropometrical system for the identification of habitual offenders, a further improvement may be expected. The system has made rapid strides during the year...." (Vide page 2 para 6 of the Resolution quoted above)

7. The Inspector General of Prisons fully believes that the system will prove a success. He is of the opinion that the necessity for identifying habitual offenders is as great here as elsewhere; and I am a-

cordingly directed to Propose for the favorable
consideration of Government, that the Anthropome-
- tric system may, with advantage, be adopted and
worked in the Mysore Jails also. Detailed proposals
as to how the system has to be first introduced, as
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forwarded for ready reference.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obtt Servant,

D. Jagannatha Murti

Deputy Registrar doing
duty as Registrar.

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SECTION ~~A 879~~
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT
FILE No. ~~4 78 94~~
SERIAL No. ~~1~~

Read the following

Letter No: 236 dy the 18th August/94 from the Registrar to the Insp^r General of Prisons

Private in enclosure

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Order thereon 16904/887

The question of introducing into Mysore Bertillon system of Anthroposmetry is under contemplation of Government, and as suggested in letter No. 2665/836.92 dated the 3rd August 94 from the 1st Asst. to the Resident in Mysore communicated to the Inspr. General of Prisons with Govt. Pro: No 2598.9/J.P 195.92 of the 11 idem, steps may be taken in the meanwhile for obtaining a practical knowledge of the details of the system.

By order -
WM 8/3/95
Gen Secy

To Registrar to the Inspr Genl of Prisons.

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

JUDICIAL

PROCEEDINGS

Dated 8th March 1895

No. 14904 / J. 837

Recommending that measures may be taken to obtain a practical knowledge of the details of the Bertillon system of Anthropometry.

M.G.C.P.B.—30-3-95—120

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Proceedings of the Government of Mysore, Judicial, dated 8th March 1895.

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No. 1490 F—J-887, DATED, BANGALORE, 8th MARCH 1895.

ORDER THEREON.—The question of introducing into Mysore the Bertillon system of Anthropometry is under contemplation of Government, and, as suggested in letter No. 2655—356-92, dated the 3rd August 1894, from the First Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, communicated to the Inspector General of Prisons with Government Proceedings No. 2598-9—J. F. 195-92 of the 11th idem, steps may be taken in the meanwhile for obtaining a practical knowledge of the details of the system.

V. N. NARASIMMIYENGAR,
General Secretary.

To—The Registrar to the Inspector General of Prisons in Mysore.

Exd.—K.S.